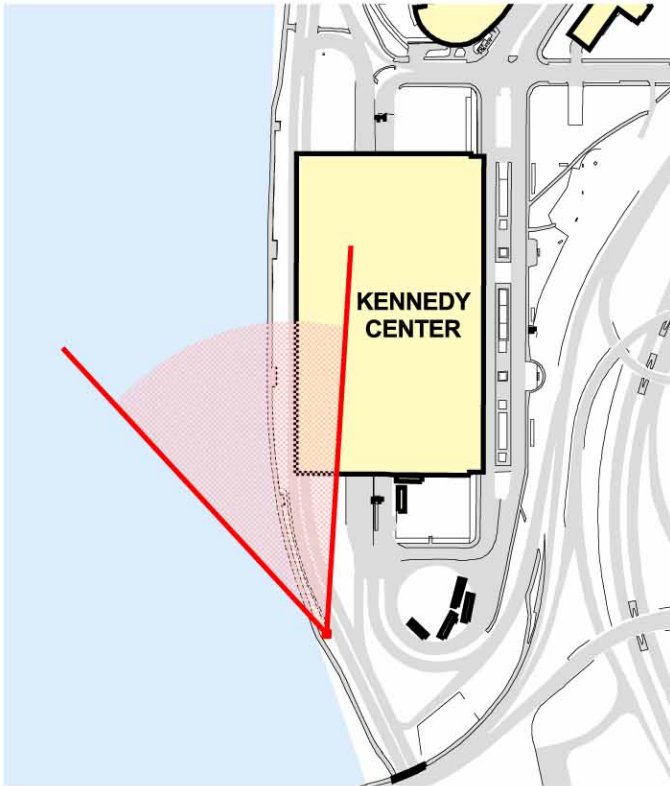


VIEWSHED #4



Viewpoint is that of a northbound driver on the Rock Creek Parkway approaching the cantilevered southern edge of the Kennedy Center River Terrace.

Existing view shows Theodore Roosevelt Island and the Georgetown waterfront, including Washington Harbour and Thompson's Boathouse. Between the Roosevelt Bridge and 25th Street, southbound drivers are afforded a nearly uninterrupted view of the Potomac River, punctuated only by trees and a brief section of retaining wall, visible on the left side of the photo.

Alternative 4

The Alternative 4 overlay shows the proposed stairs with their elevator towers. The stairs are perpendicular to the river and the Center's West Terrace.

- The view to Washington Harbour is preserved; the view to Thompson's Boathouse is blocked.
- Once under the overhang of the Kennedy Center, the proposed stairs and associated vertical structures would block the motorist's view of the Potomac River for approximately 300 linear feet.
- The proposed floating dock would not be visible due to the thirteen-foot grade differential between the roadway and the top of the floating structure. However, boats or water taxis would be visible to motorists.

Major negative impact: Due to the blocking of river views along about 300 feet of parkway.

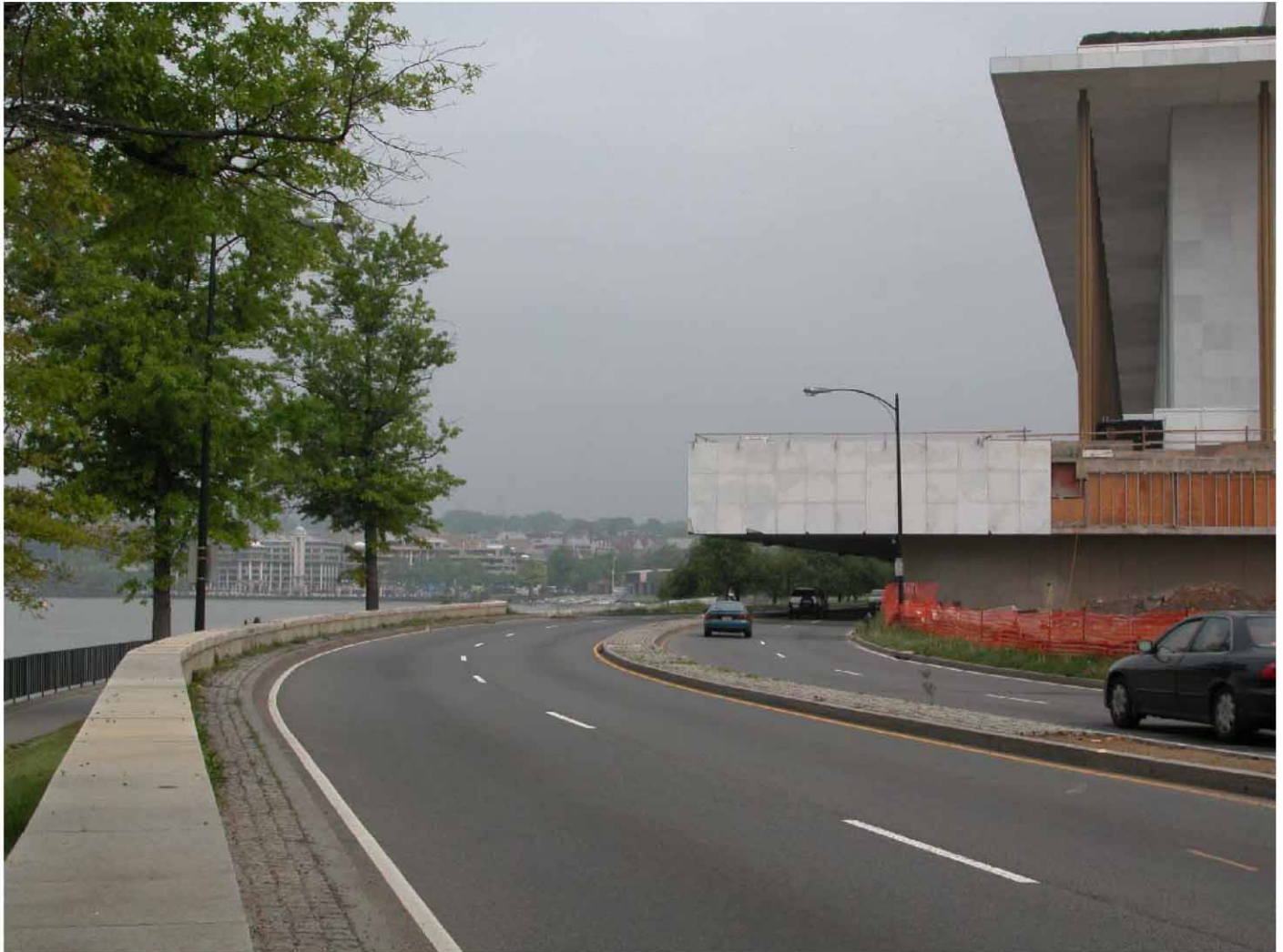
Alternative 4V

The Alternative 4V overlay shows the proposed curved stairs and their elevator towers.

- Curved stairs that turn away from the shoreline minimize the stairway's bulk when viewed in perspective.
- Views to the Washington Harbour and Thompson's Boathouse are preserved.
- Once under the overhang of the Kennedy Center, the proposed stairs and associated vertical structures would block the motorist's view of the Potomac River for approximately 200 linear feet.
- The proposed dock would not be visible due to the thirteen-foot grade differential between the roadway and the top of the floating structure. However, boats or water taxis would be visible.

Moderate negative impact: Because of the blocking of river views along about 200 feet of parkway.

Existing Conditions



Alternative 4



Alternative 4V

